

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership

A summary and introduction to the:

- **Neighbourhood Partnership**
- **Edinburgh Partnership Review**
- **Locality Committee**
- **Locality Improvement Plan**

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Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) are Advisory Committees of the Council and provide the vehicle for co-ordinating local community planning activity. Members of the NP for Leith include Councillors, Police, NHS, Fire and Rescue Service, the voluntary sector and community representatives from the three local Community Councils (Leith Links, Leith Central and Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Councils). Port of Leith Housing Association and Forth Ports are also members of the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership.

Edinburgh Partnership- Review of Governance and Partnership Working Arrangements

The Edinburgh Partnership (EP), the strategic community planning partnership for Edinburgh, agreed to carry out a review of the community planning arrangements in the city; as part of this it will consider community planning at both a citywide and local level and therefore will make recommendations which are likely to affect the future role of NPs. Any decisions relating to NPs require the approval of Council. In the meantime, NPs continue to meet and form part of the city's community planning arrangements.

Findings from the review and consultation exercise will be circulated to those who have taken part and will be posted on the council website, along with papers considered at the recent Edinburgh Partnership meeting on the 24 October. Further information and decisions will be communicated and discussed by the Neighbourhood Partnership when this becomes available.

Locality Committees

The Council agreed at its meeting on 26 October 2017 to establish 4 Locality Committees. These are Committees of the Council and the membership is made up of the 15 local Councillors across the 4 wards in North East:

- Leith
- Leith Walk
- Craigentiny & Duddingston
- Portobello & Craigmillar

The remit for Locality Committees was agreed at Council on 23 November 2017. Locality Committees are not a replacement for NPs. They do not have partner or community members on the Committee. The Locality Committee remit includes; monitor and scrutinise delivery of local services; scrutinise and oversee the delivery of Council services in the

Locality Improvement Plan; facilitate and encourage public engagement, consultation, participation and feedback.

Included within the Locality Committee's remit is "To decide whether Neighbourhood Partnerships or their equivalent should continue within their locality as advisory groups on local issues and spending priorities". The NE Locality Committee agreed that it would continue to consider the views of the NPs in local matters being considered by the Committee. For clarity, the Locality Committee cannot decide whether or not NPs in the NE of the city should continue to exist; any decision regarding the future of NPs must be taken at Council.

Cllr Maureen Child was appointed as Convener of the Committee and Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan as Vice Convener. The first 4 meetings of the North East Locality Committee were held on the 19 February, 26 April, 27 June and 4 September 2018. The next meeting is to be held on the 6 November. The meetings are all webcast and both the papers and webcast of the meetings can be found at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol search under North East Locality Committee.

Locality Improvement Plans

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a requirement on Community Planning Partnerships to produce Locality Improvement Plans to improve outcomes for local communities, including those communities experiencing the poorest outcomes.

The North East Locality Improvement Plan was endorsed by the Edinburgh Partnership and at Council Committee. The Plan is a partnership plan which sets out to tackle poverty and inequalities and includes a focus on early intervention and preventative partnership approaches to tackling challenges. Over 2,000 people and groups were engaged across the locality to determine the priorities in the Plan. The priorities are set out around 5 themes:

- Place
- Children, Families and Young People
- Economy and Employability
- Health and Wellbeing
- Community Safety

It also sets out plans for 3 smaller geographical areas within North East:

- Lochend, Loganlea, Craigentenny
- Area within Leith
- Greater Craigmillar- Bingham, Magdalene, Niddrie and The Christians,

Council officers, partners, voluntary sector organisations and communities will work together to develop and implement actions to deliver against these partnership plans. The full plan and summary of the plan can be viewed at:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localityimprovementplans